

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 of the present application are pending. Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lang et al. '116. Claim 7 of the present application is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims. In this response the Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, and 5 and cancelled claim 7.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully and sincerely solicited. If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-3411 (Docket No. Treusch 4-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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